

(c) The Ministry has also launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme-"National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP)" with effect from 1.04.2012. This scheme will be implemented through the State Governments. This will enable State Government of Uttar Pradesh to avail more fund for the development of food processing sector in the State.

Enrolment of SC and ST girls under KGBVs

4721. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of SC/ST girls enrolled under Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure that Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas improve the enrolment of girls from SC and ST communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) 1,00,308 Scheduled Caste and 84,384 Scheduled Tribe girls are enrolled in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) as on 31st March, 2012. The following steps have been taken to increase the enrolment of girls from SC and ST in KGBVs:

(i) Priority is accorded to enrolling 75% of the girls from SC, ST, OBC and Minority community, and the remaining 25% are girls from below poverty line families.

(ii) Out of 3600 KGBVs in the country, 1075 KGBVs have been sanctioned in blocks having over 20% SC population, and 44% of the girls enrolled in these KGBVs are from the SC category.

(iii) 667 KGBVs have been sanctioned in blocks having over 20% ST population, and 57% of the girls enrolled therein are from the ST category.

(iv) The teaching is carried out in the local language and through educational material in local languages. The teachers are also sensitized to tribal cultures and practices as well as issues of cultural and religious diversity.

Setting up of Higher Education Councils in States

†4722. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.